Crude Oil Production from Ravva Oil Wells in Andhra Pradesh

4991. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the crude oil produced from the Ravva oil wells in Andhra Pradesh during the years 1998-99 and 1999-2000;

(b) the target fixed for the production of crude oil from these oil wells during the next two years;

(c) whether Government are taking some innovative steps to increase the production of crude oil;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) Crude oil production from Ravva field by Ravva Joint Venture (JV) during the years 1998-99 and 1999-2000 was 1.46 Million Tonnes (MMT) and 2.42 MMT respectively.

(b) The estimates of Crude Oil production from Ravva field during the years 2000-01 and 2001-02 are 2.41 MMT and 2.43 MMT, respectively.

(c) and (d) After detailed reservoir characterization and simulation studies undertaken by the JV, Government allowed increase in crude production from 35,000 Barrels Oil per day (BOPD) to 50,000 BOPD.

(e) Does not arise.

Petrol and Diesel Outlets in Andhra Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh

4992. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of details of the new petrol, diesel outlets and LPG agencies allotted to the States of Andhra Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh during the years 1998-99 and 1999-2000; and

(b) the target fixed for allotment of new petrol, diesel outlets and LPG agencies in these two States during 1999-2000 and 2000-01?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (.SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) and (b) During the years

1998-99 and 1999-2000, 17 retail outlets and 30 LPG distributorships were allotted in Andhra Pradesh and 13 retail outlets and 7 LPG distributorships were allotted in Himachal Pradesh.

In addition to the locations pending from previous Marketing Plans, 88 retail outlet dealerships and 124 LPG distributorships have been included in the Marketing Plans 1996-98 for Andhra Pradesh and 13 retail outlets dealerships and 26 LPG distributorships for Himachal Pradesh. Locations included in the Marketing Plan are advertised by the Oil Companies from time to time. Selection is made by the Dealer Selection Boards on merit through interview. It generally takes about 6-12 months for commissioning of the dealerships from the date of interview.

ONGC proposal to divest its stake in Mumbai High

4993. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC propose to divest a part of its stake in the Mumbai High oil exploration;

(b) if so, whether the ONGC has submitted a detailed report to Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, the extend to which the exploration of gas and oil from Mumbai High oil fields is likely to increase due to divesting a part of its stake?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) There is no proposal for Oil and Natural Gas-Corporation (ONGC) to divest its stakes in Mumbai High field.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

LPG Plant in Bellary District of Karnataka

4994. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is LPG plant of Bharat Petroleum or Indian Oil Corporation or Hindustan Corporation in Bellary district;

(b) the total requirement of LPG in Bellary district, per month;

(c) whether Bharat Petroleum has agreed to start some LPG plants in Karnataka;

(d) if so, the places where they propose to start; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to set up an LPG plant in Bellary?